GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country needs 25 million houses to solve the housing crisis at the end of the 10th plan as per National Buildings Organisation;

(b) if so, whether any assessment has been made for requirement of houses for each State;

(c) the manner in which the Government is planning to address this problem, apart from Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM);

(d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme named `USHA` under the National Buildings Organisation;and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION(KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Apart from the Sub-mission on Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme(IHSDP) under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission(JNNURM), an amount of Rs.30 crores has been allocated in the budget for 2007-08 for an Interest Subsidy Scheme for provision of housing to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS)/Low Income Group (LIG) of the society.Further,the National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy seeks to bridge the gap between need and supply of housing and infrastructure and inter-alia provides for accelerating the pace of development of housing and related infrastructure;creating adequate and affordable housing stock both on rental and ownership basis,including by use and promotion of cost effective building materials/technology; encouraging State Governments/DevelopmentAuthorities to periodically review their master plans and zonal plans;and facilitating accelerated supply of serviced land for housing with particular focus on EWS and LIG Groups.

(d)&(e): Yes,Sir.The Central Sector Scheme of `Urban Statistics for Human Resources (HR) and Assessments (USHA)` aims at the development and maintenance of a national database,MIS and knowledge repository relating to urban poverty, slums,housing, construction and other urbanization-related statistics.Its key objective is to support the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, other Ministries and State Governments with an information base and knowledge inputs for the purpose of planning,policy-making,project design,formulation,implementation,monitoring and evaluation, particularly in the context of programmes relating to urban poverty,slums and housing.The four pillars of USHA are database including MIS and sample surveys;action research; impact assessment and capacity building/training.The scheme has the following objectives:-

(i) Data centre and MIS on urban poverty,slums,housing,building construction and related urbanization Statistics.

(ii) One time grants to State Governments/UT Administrations for computerization.

(iii) Knowledge Centre/National Resource Centre for Urban Poverty,Slums and Housing Statistics.

(iv) Sample Surveys in areas of urban poverty, slums,housing and building construction.

(v) Socio-Economic research studies in areas of urban poverty, slums,housing and building construction.

(vi) Capacity Building & Training in areas of urban poverty,slums, housing and building construction.